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2nd Week of Easter Sunday
28 April 2019



Fr. Tony & Deacon Eddie wish you all the Joys & Blessings of Easter. Many thanks for your Easter Offerings and Easter Cards. Many thanks to all who prepared the celebrations for Easter. God bless.

Pope at Easter Urbi et Orbi: Risen Christ shines light on darkness of conflict. Pope Francis turned to the African continent, first calling for the end to bloodshed in Libya, “where defenceless people are once more dying in recent weeks and many families have been forced to abandon their homes”. He urged those involved to choose dialogue over force.

The Pope said parts of the continent are “rife with social tensions, conflicts and at times violent forms of extremism that leave in their wake insecurity, destruction and death.” He specifically mentioned Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Nigeria and Cameroon. Sudan, he said, is experiencing “a moment of political uncertainty”, voicing his hope that all parties will be heard.

Pope Francis prayed that God sustain the efforts towards peace in South Sudan, following a recent spiritual retreat in the Vatican. “May a new page open in the history of that country, in which all political, social and religious components actively commit themselves to the pursuit of the common good and the reconciliation of the nation.”

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2019-04/pope-francis-urbi-et-orbi-shines-light-on-conflict-zones.html>

‘VII ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE ‘CALLED TO HOLINESS’. The Annual Diocesan Conference will take place on Saturday 18th May in one venue this year: Saint Ambrose College, Hale Barns. We have invited two speakers to address the theme of the Diocesan Year of Holiness: *Called to Holiness, Gifted for Mission: What is Holiness?* (Fr Anthony Doe); *The Vocation of the Laity* (Mrs Victoria Seed). All welcome.

A weekend retreat in Holywell, North Wales (May 10-12), Holywell, North Wales, CH8 7PN Tel 01352 714073. Themes, Holiness and the Mass. At Adoremus Liverpool 2018, ROBERT BARRON, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF LOS ANGELES, gave two inspiring conferences, on Holiness and on the Mass. In listening to these talks, we will explore above all their spiritual implications for daily life. For the peace of the retreat, the number of participants will be limited to 20. If you are interested, please contact Barbara Davies. For all enquiries, Tel: 07730 526 821 Email: barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Extraordinary Month Of Mission October 2019 The Holy Father has announced an Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM) this October, with “the aim of fostering an increased awareness of the *Missio Ad Gentes* and taking up again with renewed fervour the missionary transformation of the Church’s life and pastoral activity, and to help their communities grow in missionary and evangelising zeal”. (Pope Francis, WMS 2017). For more information and to download a guide for the Month of Mission 2019, visit the Missio website: <https://missio.org.uk/emm/>

Confirmation 2019. Bishop Mark will be confirming candidates from our Parish of St. Gabriel’s and St. Winefride’s on Wednesday 9 October at 7pm in St. Gabriel’s Church. If you have a child currently in Year 8, who would like to be confirmed, please give their name, date and copy of baptism certificate, and contact details to Father Tony or Deacon Eddie. The Confirmation preparation sessions will begin in June after May half-term, and will be every Tuesday evening, 6.30pm to 8pm during Term-Time only in St. Gabriel’s School hall. There will also be a retreat on Saturday 5 October in Freshfields, Liverpool.

Help for The Parish to gain extra funds. If you are a UK tax payer and you give money at the offertory (however much) if you give through the “Gift Aid Scheme,” it is worth an extra 25% to the Parish. All you need to do is give your name and address, tick whether you would like to use the envelopes, or to give by standing order, on a Gift Aid Form at the back of Church. Then either hand it to Fr Tony or Deacon Eddie. Please consider Gift Aid. Many thanks to all who contribute so generously each week. For more information please contact Sue Edge, Gift Aid organiser on 01270 876090.

Prayer websites for daily meditation. <http://ln54.blogspot.co.uk> <http://livingspace.sacredspace.ie>
missio.org.uk <http://www.pray-as-you-go.org/home/> universalis.com <http://en.radiovaticana.va>
<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk>

Alsager Welcomes Refugees will be holding a fundraising quiz night at the Thirteen Club on Friday 10 May. Tickets £5 per person. St Gabriel's already has a reputation for being one of the most generous supporters of this charity. It would be great if our parish could put together two teams of 6 people to take part. Contact Cathie and Tony Smith if you are interested. 01270 879961.

HUMAN DIGNITY AT THE HEART OF HEALTHCARE: CONFERENCE and DINNER Saturday 11 May, 2.45 pm onwards, Thornycroft Hall, Macclesfield. What are the core values which should guide healthcare when money is tight and new ways of working threaten Christian norms? The next Thornycroft Conference is especially aimed at anyone who is concerned about the direction of modern medicine, but especially at those who work in the field. It will look at what it means to be a Human Person, and then at practical issues and how they can be managed. The conference will end with a full dinner, to network and continue discussion. Price £20 + £30 for dinner. Discounts for medical students. Full details at: <http://www.thornycroftHall.org.uk/node/19>.

REST IN PEACE; Tom Carnes, Victoria Moseley, Chris Foulkes, Emma Blair, Ken Phillips, John Dennehy, Denis Maguire, Jane Galea, Phyllis Woodley, Agnes Williams, Florence Ellsmore, Alan Davies, Arthur Winkley, Rita Barry, Ray Chidlow, & those whose anniversaries occur around this time: John Bagshaw, Harry Tams, Kathleen O'Toole, Samuel Bagshaw, Stella Lyons, Theresa Kerr, Karen Bastiman.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Especially for Elsie Turnock, Margaret Pearson, Theresa Lawton, Peter McAlister, John Monks, Terry Orford, Fr. Pat Munroe, John Conway, Pat Merrigan, Harry Moody, Deacon Peter Bravey, Ana Izurzu, Bernard Dockery, Eamon Dooley, Marie Whelan, Rebecca Dajani, John Boote, Dorothy Eccles, Joanne Graham, Sheila Gibson, Ricky Masterson, Kay Charlesworth, Margaret McGreevy, Peter Pulford, Betty Bostwick, Joan Phillips, Ben Thomas, Denise Nolan, James Byrne, Norman Tams, Christine Clapham, Baby Hunter, Gerard Davey, Doreen Turner, Ruth Hilton and Ned Hilton, Jo Brookes and all in our hospitals & nursing homes.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 28 APRIL 2019

Saturday 27th April	5.30-6.15 pm 6.30 pm Mass	Sacrament of Reconciliation Victoria Moseley RIP & Harry Tams (Anniv)
Sunday 28th April Second Week of Easter	11.30 am Mass	John Bagshaw (Anniv) & Thanksgiving to Parishioners and Friends (Kath Bevan) & Terry Orford (sick) Doreen Turner (Sick)
Monday 29th April St. Catherine of Sienna Day of Special Prayer for Europe	7pm 7.30pm 8pm	Holy Hour Andrew Richards Anniv & Intentions of the O'Toole Family SVP Meeting
Tuesday 30th April St. George	10am	Victoria Moseley RIP
Wednesday 1st May St. Joseph the Worker Day of special prayer for work	10am 10.30am	Recovery of Theresa Lawton (operation today) Lectio Divina
Thursday 2nd May St. Athanasius	10am	Priest's Intention
Friday 3rd May SS Philip & James	10am 10.30 am	Priest's Intention Holy Rosary
Saturday 4th May English Martyrs Sunday 5th May Third Sunday of Easter	5.30-6.15pm 6.30pm Mass 11.30am Mass 3pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Philomena Flynn RIP James Turnock (Anniv) & Marjorie Turnock (Anniv) Milton House Service. Led by SVP. All welcome.
Saturday 4th May Sunday 5th May	6.30 pm	11.30 am
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Barrie Knapper Nicky Brooker	Kathleen Walmsley Caroline Wilkinson
READERS	Dennis Large Philip Clarke	Richard Bailey Lisa Cartlidge

Collection, 21st April, £732.81p

Holy Places, Good Friday Collection £186.16p

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